

JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

East Bank Regional Library
Administration Conference Room
4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana 70001

December 20, 2016
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 4:01 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Conescu, Patricia Cox, Rev. Akkheem Dunham, Becky Knight, Judy Mills, Margaret Thompson, and Rita Tonglet

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Marylyn Haddican, Irene Lunkin, Verdie Richburg, and Antoinette Scott

OTHER PARISH STAFF: Diane Roussel, Chief Administrative Assistant and Emily French, Assistant Parish Attorney

Mills/Cox made a motion to dispense with the reading of the November minutes and accept them as written. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- The Library's millage renewal will be placed on the April 29, 2017. Bookmarks advertising the millage renewal will be distributed.
- In order to be in compliance with the Labor laws, the hourly salary for a few of the Library Pages was increased by 38¢.
- During a meeting with staff from Tulane-Lakeside Hospital, Marylyn mentioned the community looked forward to the Spooktacular event. After further discussion it was discovered there was a miscommunication on both parts. Tulane-Lakeside staff mentioned they will consider planning a Spooktacular event for 2017.
- Rosedale's renovations are expected to be completed February 2017. Sherlock's Construction is making progress and doing a good job. They have made accommodations during the renovation process for the last two elections with no problems.
- Several capital projects will go before the Council at the January 11 Council meeting. These projects include the expansion of West Bank Regional, including the parking lot; Belle Terre meeting room and staff lounge addition; Terrytown meeting room and study room addition; roof coating of East Bank Regional; parking lot improvements at Wagner; installation of gas generators at the Regional libraries; and IT projects to include RFID tags, updated servers, and technical equipment for East Bank Regional meeting rooms.
- Centennial Park is complete. Councilman Templet is arranging a date for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Invitations will be sent as we receive them.

Public Remarks:

Michael Bowler, the day-to-day operations person for Recall Yenni Inc., indicated they have collected over 40,000 – 50,000 signatures for the recall. The challenges they face is where to direct people to sign the petition. He asked if a copy of the petition can be placed in the libraries for patrons to review and sign. He is not asking for the Library to promote the petition. The petition is due April 6, 2017.

Diane Roussel, Chief Administrative Assistant, informed Mr. Bowler the Library Board is an advisory board. Diane and Emily French, Assistant Parish Attorney, informed him to submit his request through the proper channels which is to first submit a written request to Marylyn Haddican, Library Director. Marylyn will then forward the written request to Michael Power, Parish Attorney, Diane Roussel, Chief Administrative Assistant, and the Deputy Chief Operating Officer.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the proposed 2017 Library Board meeting dates and recommended the November 21, 2017 meeting date be changed to November 14, 2017 due to Thanksgiving.

Mills/Knight made a motion to accept the 2017 Library Board meeting dates as adjusted. Motion carried. All in favor.

The Nominating Committee nominated Becky Knight as President and Patricia Cox as Vice President.

Conescu/Mills made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.